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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (TEXT)

DOD FOR P. SOMMERS DSAA

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: CG, PFOR, MASS, AF/C  
SUBJECT: SHABA INVASION - MILITARY AID TO ZAIRE

REF: (A) MTAT REPORT, PHASE II, (B) STATE 032527

SUMMARY - AS A RESULT OF CURRENT EVENTS IN THE SHABA, GENERAL BABIA HAS FORMED A COMBINED ZAIRIAN/BELGIAN/FRENCH STUDY GROUP TO REVIEW ENTIRE SPECTRUM OF ACTIVITIES OF FAZ WITH A VIEW TO A COMPLETE REORGANIZATION AFTER THE CESSATION OF THE HOSTILITIES. IN THIS REGARD DDN SEES THE NEED FOR A HARD-HITTING, SELF-CONTAINED MOBILE FORCE CAPABLE OF INDEPENDENT OPERATIONS AND DESIRES THAT THE USG ENVISION THE FORMATION OF A MOTORIZED BRIGADE (V-150 ARMORED CAR CAVALRY SQUADRON). END SUMMARY.

1. ON 2 MAY GENERAL BABIA HANDED TO CZAMISH TWO DOCUMENTS CONCERNING THE REORGANIZATION OF FAZ. THE FIRST DOCUMENT, CONFIDENTIAL

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SUBJECT REORGANIZATION OF FAZ, ESTABLISHES A COMBINED ZAIRIAN/BELGIAN/FRENCH STUDY GROUP WITH A TWO-FOLD MISSION: A. EMERGENCY MEASURES REQUIRED IMMEDIATELY AFTER CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES AND B. A COMPLETE REORGANIZATION PROGRAM FOR FAZ.

2. THE SECOND DOCUMENT, SUBJECT: MILITARY COOPERATION, IS QUOTED BELOW FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

"TO CHIEF OF THE MILITARY MISSION (ZAMISH): I HAVE THE HONOR TO INFORM YOU THAT IT IS THE INTENTION OF THE AUTHORITIES OF THE ARMED FORCES AS A FUNCTION OF THE CURRENT SITUATION IN SHABA TO REVIEW THE FAZ STRUCTURE IN THE FOLLOWING AREA:

COMMAND

INDIVIDUAL TRAINING

UNIT TRAINING

LOGISTICAL SUPPORT

WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE ACCORDS BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS, DDN DESIRES THAT IN ADDITION TO THE EFFORTS ALREADY MADE BY YOUR COUNTRY THAT YOU ENVISION THE FORMATION OF A MOTORIZED BRIGADE WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE ROCKWELL DIVISION. FOR THE STATE COMMISSIONER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE, DIRECTOR GENERAL BABIA ZONGBI MALOBIA."

3. IN DISCUSSING THE MEMORANDUM GENERAL BABIA INDICATED THAT EVENTS IN THE SHABA REVEAL THAT TWELVE YEARS FOR THE FORMATION OF A DIVISION AS VISUALIZED BY THE MTAT REPORT WAS ENTIRELY TOO LONG. ACCORDINGLY, A BRIGADE-SIZE FORMATION USING THE V-150 COMMANDO CAR AS THE BASIC ITEM OF EQUIPMENT SHOULD BE MORE IN THE REALM OF POSSIBILITY IN A TELESKOPE TIME FRAME. SUCH A FORCE COULD BE USED AS A BORDER SCREENING FORCE DURING PEACE TIME AND AS A SELF-CONTAINED, HARD-HITTING, MOBILE FORCE IN THE EVENT OF HOSTILITIES.

4. COMMENT: THIS IS THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE ONSET OF THE SHABA INVASION THAT THE GOZ HAS RAISED THE SUBJECT OF OUR PROJECTED MILITARY ASSISTANCE PACKAGE. THEY ARE CLEARLY STILL IN FAVOR OF THE UPGRADE PACKAGE.

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